

State Executive Committee, J. D. Solomon, L. E. Morris, John Shank.

All the nominees were elected.

We, your Committee on Rules report the following: 1. All members desiring to speak shall first address the chair. 2. No member shall be allowed to speak more than twice on any one subject, first speech 10 minutes, second speech, 5 minutes. 3. No one shall be allowed to use personalities. 4. The appellation, brother and sister shall be used.

Query No. 1.—What is the duty of a deacon? Opened by J. Shank followed D. V. Yoder, J. G. Winey.

No. 2.—Would a Benefit Society be a benefit to the church? Opened by Brother Price.

AFTERNOON, 1:30.

Prayer and praise service by Walter Clark.

Query No. 2 taken up, followed by J. G. Winey, W. Clark, J. Shank, D. V. Yoder. Moved and supported, that it is a sense of this Conference that the matter of a Benefit Society be spread on the minutes as a good thing.

No. 3.—Evidence of acceptance with God. Opened by Walter Clark, followed by D. V. Yoder, J. G. Winey, C. A. Price. Moved and supported that it the sense of this Conference that all who keep God's commandments have the evidence of acceptance with God.

No. 4.—What is the best means of securing the attendance of members at church. The Conference believes that if the members are truly converted, you can't keep them from church.

No. 5 —Mission Work. Opened by J. G. Winey, followed by D. V. Yoder, W. Clark, C. A. Price, Sister Darby, Geo. Clum.

EVENING SESSION.

Prayer and song service by John Shank.

No. 6.—What benefit is the K. C. to the church? Led by Walter Clark, followed by J. G. Winey, J. Shank.

No. 7.—What is the Superintendent's duty in the Sunday school? Opened by J. Shank, followed by Yoder, Winey, Clark, Rench, and Sister Darby. It is the work of the superintendent and teachers, 1. Earnestness in the Sunday school cause. 2. Punctuality. 3. Aptness to teach. 4. Kindness to all.

No. 10 —Teacher's Work. Opened by sister Will Luschnitt, followed by John Shank.

No. 11.—Kindergarten Work. Opened by Walter Clark, followed by Norman Brown. Moved and supported that it is the voice of this Conference that we form

a Junior Society in our churches as soon as possible.

No. 12.—Influence of the Bible on the Formation of Character. Opened by D. V. Yoder, followed by C. A. Price and Walter Clark.

Brother Walter Clark offered the following which was carried. Inasmuch as Paul told Timothy that the Scriptures were able to make him wise unto salvation and perfectly and thoroughly furnish him unto all good works, therefore it is the sense of this Conference that the Bible is the only doctrine by which there can be a character formed which will be acceptable with God.

Moved and supported that we give our support to the K. C. and no other work outside of the Brethren Church.

Continued next week.

HARRISONBURG, VA.

I come asking for a little space again. We had the pleasure of visiting some of the churches of West Moreland Co., Pa. We were at Jones' Mills, Bear Creek, and Laurel Run congregations. We met kind brethren and sisters there, and enjoyed a number of meetings with them. Brother W. Harman is their pastor, and is aided by brother Michael Myers of Mt. Pleasant, Pa. Both of these brethren are good and faithful veterans of the cross. While at Jones' Mills we had the pleasure of meeting brother J. B. Wampler, who was canvassing to raise money to help in lifting the College debt. Brother Wampler is a faithful and earnest worker. He uses good methods to secure money. He preached two able sermons while there. It is hardly worth while to say *able*, for all who know Brother Wampler know he is an able expounder of the Gospel. We also had the pleasure of meeting the faithful pastor of the Bridgeport congregation. May the Lord bless the work there and elsewhere. We pray that all may be faithful and earnest. JOS I. HALL.

ROSEDALE, PA.

Souls still come flocking home at our revival in Rosedale. We have made fearful inroads into the battlements of sin. Thirteen more have come out on the Lord's side, making thirty-five so far that have left the ranks of Satan, and "we intend to fight it out on this line if it takes all (summer) winter."

Yours fraternally,

R. E. DARLING.

NOTES FROM THE WORKSHOP.

Began revival services on last Saturday evening. We are having good spiritual services. There is much sickness in the

neighborhood which interferes somewhat. The Sabbath school is good. The K. C. is growing. The church is in peace. The Lord is with us.

J. H. PALMER.

Roanoke, Ind., Nov. 23, '96.

MILFORD, IND.

Our communion was one of the best we ever had here. Brother A. S. Menaugh conducted the service and his talk was appreciated. Brother Bemenderfer, from Dunlaps, was also here and assisted in the work. Some were at the tables for the first time, some who have never missed such a service, and some for the first time since I have been pastor of the church. It is hoped that none were there for the last time. Since our last report one was received by relation.

Nov. 24, '96.

G. W. RENCH.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

Last week I visited the little band at Ridgley, Maryland, preached two sermons. About 25 members there, but no pastor and no church building of their own. This is one of the plants of the Philadelphia church. With a proper effort I believe a strong congregation can be built up there. It was my first trip there and I was favorably impressed with the people and the country.

My family have been unwell for sometime, but are at present convalescing. Our mission work is moving along nicely. Remember us.

Yours Fraternally,

W. M. LYON.

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RIPON, CALIFORNIA.

Oct. 4, was Brother Shively's first sermon at Ripon, as our pastor for the year, and we find him to be an earnest and hard worker in the pulpit. May success attend his efforts while laboring in the churches of California. He preaches for us every two weeks. Fraternally,

B. G. FREDERICK.

It is a great blessing to prepare for others to do what is denied us to do ourselves. Just so far as we seek the cause rather than ourselves we will rejoice in the work done, altho our part be like the foundations beneath the water, while others hold the light to be seen of all. It is not the figurehead on the bow nor the flag at the masthead that makes the ship go, but the engine, deep in the hold, and the screw, unseen, beneath the water.

Be brief; for it is with words as with sunbeams—the more they are condensed the deeper they burn.—Dr. Southey.